

Fitzgerald

September 15, 1941

Mr. William H. G. Fitzgerald
316 Denrike Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Bill:

I have just received word from the War Department that there is no justification for your claim as to unfair treatment and that nothing could be done; that they have made a thorough investigation, and have come to the conclusion that nothing would be gained by re-opening the case.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

September 9, 1941

Dear Bill,

Attached is a memorandum I received from the Chief of Ordnance regarding the explosive "Dynamix", about which you wrote me on August 27.

In view of the thorough test already given this explosive there appears to be no justification for Mr. Fitzgerald's claims as to unfair treatment. I believe that nothing would be gained by re-opening the case.

Sincerely,

Mr. William J. Donovan
Apex Building
7th & Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

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IN OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCEWAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE
WASHINGTON

September 5, 1941

Honorable John J. McCloy,
Assistant Secretary of War.

Dear Mr. McCloy:

With reference to your memorandum of August 29 attaching correspondence from William H. G. Fitzgerald on explosive Dynamix, forwarded through William J. Donovan, I think you may be interested in a brief review of this subject which has reached a highly controversial state.

Explosive "Dynamix" is a mixture of two liquids (nitrogen peroxide and either gasoline or benzene). When in the mixed condition, the explosive is too sensitive to handle and to be used in military munitions in that a bomb loaded with this mixture will explode due to shock of impact on a resistant target instead of passing through and functioning on the inside as contemplated by delay action fuses which are provided. Such an explosive mixture is not new but on the contrary, was investigated to some extent by the French during the first world war and likewise investigated by the Ordnance Department during that period. The investigation for the Ordnance Department was carried out by Dr. Nevill Monroe Hopkins who at that time held a reserve commission, and although no further consideration appears to have been given to this explosive by foreign nations, Dr. Hopkins has continued his investigations and has offered it to the Ordnance Department for re-test from time to time.

Many communications have been received from Dr. Hopkins starting about 1936, and several tests have been conducted at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, as a result of which the Department has concluded that in spite of the claimed improvements, the explosive is still not suited to military purposes. This is due to a number of factors among which are the high sensitivity previously

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Honorable John J. McGloay

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referred to. In order to overcome this defect, Dr. Hopkins proposes that the bomb provide for loading the two liquids in separate compartments with a provision that the liquids come together only after the bomb impacts. He has suggested a vast number of mixing devices, any one of which would add to the complication of the bomb. Due to these conditions, the claimed lesser cost of the explosive is more than offset by the increased cost of the bomb, and the claimed increase in power is offset by the fact that a lesser amount of explosive can be loaded into the bomb. This is due to two factors, reduction in capacity due to the several compartments and mixing devices and to the fact that the liquid mixture has a much lower specific gravity than a solid military explosive such as TNT.

Knowing that his conclusions would probably be questioned, the Ordnance Department arranged for experts from the U. S. Bureau of Mines, U. S. Bureau of Standards, as well as from the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, to be present at the tests which were conducted, all of whom have concurred in the conclusions reached.

Following the latest test conducted by the Ordnance Department on March 25, 1941, Dr. Hopkins has entered into extended correspondence with the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, which has had its explosives experts make an independent investigation. Dr. Hopkins, in his correspondence, expressed the same lack of confidence in the opinions of the Navy experts as he has in those of the Army. The situation in the Navy reached such a state that the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance personally reviewed the entire case and politely but firmly informed Dr. Hopkins that under the circumstances he saw nothing to be gained by continuing the correspondence.

I am firmly convinced that the decisions reached as to the unsuitability of this explosive are sound and that further consideration by the War Department would waste the time of technical personnel urgently needed on immediate production problems in connection with the National defense. Even assuming that the explosive could be developed into a suitable type, the number of changes in the construction of the bomb, the explosives production facilities and in loading plant equipment would be such that it could not possibly be put into effect during the present emergency.

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Honorable John J. McCloy

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Moreover, we have just reached an agreement on standardization of bombs as between the Army, Navy and British, all of which would be upset by any radical change.

If there is to be any reconsideration of the matter, I suggest that it be referred to the National Defense Research Committee although I am not recommending this since I fear that we will reduce the efficiency of that organization if we refer to it controversial matters of this type which both the Navy Department and the War Department have concluded as of no military value.

I am furnishing you this information to be considered in connection with the draft of reply to William J. Donovan which is attached hereto.

Sincerely yours,



G. M. WESSON

Major General, Chief of Ordnance

✓ Inclosure.



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

August 29, 1941

Dear Bill,

I have your note regarding
Fitzgerald's Dynamix. It is the first
time I have heard of it but I will look
into it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. Edgar Hoover".

Col. William J. Donovan
Apex Building
Washington, D. C.

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August 27, 1941

Dear Jack:

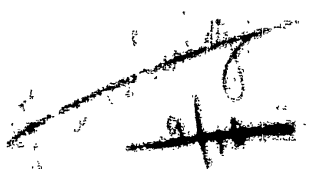
I enclose a letter received from Mr.
William H. O. Fitzgerald which may prompt you
to look into the facts of the matter.

When are we going to see each other?

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Mr. John J. McCloy
Assistant Secretary of War
Washington, D. C.

Enclosure


Real Estate Development
Operative Building

316-319 Denrike Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

August 23, 1941

Col. William J. Donovan
c/o Donovan, Leisure, Newton & Lombard
Bowen Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel:

Due to the fact that the Army has done nothing with the explosive filler Dynamix of which I have spoken to you, I am writing in the hope that the true facts of this situation may reach the proper authorities in the Army.

As the record in the Ordnance Department of the Army will show, Dynamix has never been given a fair or satisfactory test and an abortive attempt to demonstrate the superior qualities of this product was made, at the Aberdeen Proving Ground last March but we were never allowed to complete the test. Dynamix has been accepted by the leading explosive chemists in this country as being from 40 to 50% more powerful by weight than TNT, one-third as expensive, and readily available for production. The issue in this case is whether the testimony and statements of leading explosive chemists from the DuPont Company and the Allied Chemical Company who have been working with the ingredients of this product for many years should be accepted in place of the Army Ordnance Men who have relatively little knowledge of this subject. For the sake of National Defense I feel that these facts should be brought to light and studied, not by one Army expert, but by a group of non-partisan experts.

I am sure that the results of this study will substantiate every statement that has been made by Dr. Nevil E. Hopkins and myself regarding the results obtainable. Every objection raised by the Army has been proved to be unfounded and unwarranted.

With kindest personal regards,

As always,

/s/ Bill
William H. G. Fitzgerald

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X LEO HOUSE

October 27, 1941

The Reverend Gregory Peige
The Leo House Inc.
Post 23 Street
New York City

Dear Father, Peige:

Colonel Donovan has asked me to thank you for your letter of October 15, which he has read with considerable interest. Some of the published report concerning the functions of this office have been misleading. Actually this department concerns itself in specialized and limited fields. The idea which you present would seem to be a more comprehensive and fundamental in its scope than to encroaching into the sphere of our limited activities.

There is no doubt but that your ideas must form an essential element for future consideration.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to
Colonel Donovan

Rev. Gregory Faiga.

THE LEO HOUSE, INC.

(ST. RAPHAEL SOCIETY)

330 WEST 23RD STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 15, 1941.

Col. William J. Donovan,
Coordinator of Information,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Donovan:

I have been debating with myself and hesitating a long time before finally writing this letter to you. An old-fashioned sort of inhibition against any activity which impinges upon the political field may be responsible for this. However, the reality of Hitler, the War and the Nazi plague, cannot be ignored; least of all by a priest who happens to be close enough to events and persons which enable him to understand the deeper dangers of this new religion (Nazism), and who believes that he can be of some usefulness in dealing with the entire problem.

Naturally, I can say nothing about the military side of this problem. That is a matter apart. But I do know something of the psychological side as well as the moral-ethical-religious side of this question, and this knowledge could readily be translated into some form of active cooperation in the task before you, as described recently in the New York Times.

At the bottom of such an activity must lie the fact and its realization that there is, firstly, a real difference between the Nazis and the German people as such. Secondly, that there has always been, and still is, a strong opposition to everything connected with National Socialism; thirdly, that this opposition is articulate and openly voiced only by the Catholics and a few Protestant Confessional churchmen, (insofar as it is still expressed at all); finally, and perhaps most significant of all; that there are still hundreds of thousands of armed forces, officers and men of all ranks, who are in conviction and sentiment united in this opposition. They are biding their time, waiting for the "right moment". It should be the endeavor of all those who know this, understand this and realize the import of this, and who are in a position to do so, to feed this sentiment and opposition by a well and properly thought-out plan of campaign, by a systematic education which will create a secret following, and by an ultimate attempt at internal organization.

Any plan which would overlook or neglect to make use of this deep-seated abhorrence of all the works of Nazism on the part of good Catholics, will try to build separate foundations instead of utilizing the strongest kind of bases already tailor-made for propaganda purposes. It will certainly fail, because the forces that will reconstruct and regenerate Europe after the War, are the moral and religious forces of Christianity, with the united Catholic forces in the forefront. This is, of course, elementary to any observer. Unfortunately secular thought believes that political and economic forces will be sufficient for such a job, and then it is a house built on sand.

I shall be happy to discuss this aspect of current history with you, or your authorized representative, at any time; here or in Washington. And I am entirely at your disposal for active work, consultation, or any other part, however small, that I can play for our country and mankind. I have, of course, some definite ideas and proposals on the subject, but their value is conditioned upon a mutual understanding of common means and ends. In Washington I am known to Mr. John A. Ryan and Senator Mead.

I beg to remain,
very sincerely yours,
Gregory Faiga.

Personnel - Fairbanks
 + State ✓
 X Inter-Am. Affair

October 22, 1941

The Honorable Sumner Welles
 The Under Secretary of State
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Sumner:

I am sorry not to have replied sooner to your letter about Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. As a matter of fact, I had been considering some time previous the question of his possible use, and after receiving your letter I explored it further. There just does not seem to be any place here we can make use of his talents, and I believe that he might be more useful with Nelson Rockefeller's Organization, particularly since he has already handled an assignment for them in Latin-America.

I trust that some place may be found where he can serve.

Very sincerely,

William J. Donovan

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HARRY BRANDT
1585 BROADWAY
NEW YORK CITY

February 6, 1945

Colonel William Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel:

Allen Frenne has told me of the very nice visit he
had with you for which I want to add my personal
appreciation.

Having met him personally, you now know that he is
a fine, outstanding young man, who did not deserve
the virtual stab in the back that was directed at
him.

Thank you very much for the kind understanding that
you displayed.

Many kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



HARRY BRANDT

February 8th, 1943.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

I am taking the liberty of imposing on your valued time to solicit your aid in an effort to have my application for appointment to the staff of the Office of the Judge Advocate General approved. Though I have not met with you since your days at 41 Broad Street, your past kindness and many courtesies extended to me prompts me to write. I feel certain that if you would intervene on my behalf, my application, which was filed December, 1941, will be favorably acted upon.

I am exceedingly anxious to do all that I can to aid in the war effort. Since spring of last year I have been associated with the Copper Program of the War Production Board in the capacity of Administrative Technician. I have, in a further effort to be more closely allied to the war effort, just filed an application to become an officer in the Army under the Volunteer Officer Candidate Training Plan. As you undoubtedly know the schools available under the VOC plan are limited in scope and no provision is made for the full utilization of my training. I sincerely feel that my past legal and administrative experience and training could be used to greater advantage if I were assigned to the Judge Advocate General's office. I enclose a brief outline of my past legal training and experience.

Allow me to thank you and assure you of my deep appreciation, as well as the mere written word can convey, for anything you may do for me. In these troubled times I can well realize the great pressure and strain under which you must be. But for the fact that I am most anxious to secure the appointment to the Office of the Judge Advocate General prior to entrance into an officers' school, under the VOC plan, that would preclude my entrance into the Office of Judge Advocate General I would not impose upon you. Believe me, I am

Sincerely yours,

Arnold E. Feldman

Arnold E. Feldman

Colonel William J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services,
25th Street and E Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

I am thirty-six years of age. I am married. I attended Yeshiva University and Fordham Law School. I have been duly admitted to the New York State and Federal Bars.

Upon my graduation from Law School in 1928, I became associated with the late Louis Jacobson, Esq., the attorney for The Bank of the United States. This association continued until late 1931. During this association I received a comprehensive training in legal and court practice, and a comprehensive foundation in the law of banks and banking, commercial subjects, decedents estates, corporate practice, and legal research. Due to the financial conditions then prevailing and extensive experience in the preparation of various types of contracts and agreements, and also had the opportunity to participate from a legal standpoint in various types of businesses and ventures in which the bank and its holding companies were interested.

In 1931 I became associated with Hon. Carl Sherman, the former Attorney General of the State of New York. This association continued until 1941. The practice of this office involved the representation of insurance interests, banks and a varied individual clientele. The legal matters involved a wide variety of subjects, and embraced various business interests, in addition to a considerable appellate practice. Since this association I have engaged in individual practice and counsel work, and have had considerable further legal experience. I have also had considerable administrative experience and practice by reason of my association with the Copper Program of the War Production Board in the capacity of Administrative Technician.

My training has also included the extensive preparation of briefs and memorandums of law, and the argument of appeals, in all the appellate courts of the State of New York. I have also had the occasion to act as special counsel in connection with matters pertaining to local municipalities and their officers. I have also contributed to legal periodicals on banking and stock-brokerage subjects. My training from the standpoint of legal research and appellate practice has included work on behalf of banks, insurance companies and large commercial interests, including such corporations as the Standard Oil Company of New York, and the Phillips-Petroleum Corporation.

I have also collaborated in various types of actions, special proceedings and appellate work with Hon. Edward G. Griffin, the former counsel to Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Hon. Alfred E. Smith, during their respective terms of office as Governors of the State of New York.

Arnold E. Feldman

X McBaine, Alastair
X M.O.

7 October 1943

TO: Major Doering
FROM: General Donovan

Corey Ford and Alastair McBaine are now part of this organization. They are to be commissioned and the primary purpose of their coming is to act in liaison with the Air Force in whatever theater the Air Force feels they could be of the greatest service.

While that is their primary function, they are nevertheless an integral part of this organization and are to be subject to the authority of the Strategic Services or user in the theaters where they may be serving. It will be borne in mind however that in a given theater priority will be given to the Air Force of that theater as to their time and their use.

They are to be attached to the Morale Operational Branch of GSE.

Specifically it is the wish of General Arnold that as soon as they are commissioned these gentlemen should proceed to India. It is not clear as to whether they will be serving on the Stilwell staff in the Chinese Theater or on the Mountbatten staff in South East Asia. The particular person to whom they are to be attached is General Stratemeyer and we must find out what General Stratemeyer's overall function is.

No matter what the implication may be, the intent is to give the Air Forces the services of these men in whatever theater they are desired. All arrangements will conform to that intent.

x Mac Bain, M.A. M.D.
x M.O.

Corey Ford

Gramercy Park Hotel,
New York City, N.Y.
June 17, 1943.

Dear General Donovan,

Mr. MacBain and I wish to take this opportunity of expressing our deep gratitude to you for the confidence you have shown in us. We are sure that you understand that since we are being sent at once to the European theater, on special assignment for the Air Forces, we are forced to postpone for the time being any active service with your organization; but we want you to know how much we appreciate everything you have done and we hope we'll have an opportunity later to be of some service to you.

Sincerely,

Corey Ford

Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Weston Howland

Charles Pratt Healy

May 12, 1943

Prospective Personnel, MO Branch
 Corey Ford and Alastair MacBain

TO
 Attached hereto, each in duplicate, are com-
 pleted SA-1 Forms received this morning from Corey
 Ford and Alastair MacBain.

These men come to us through General Donovan,
 to whom I am sending a copy of this memorandum.
 I understand that General H. H. Arnold knows them
 both and that they have assisted him in various
 matters. Miss Margaret Feldman, of Mr. William A.
 Riebel's office, also knows them.

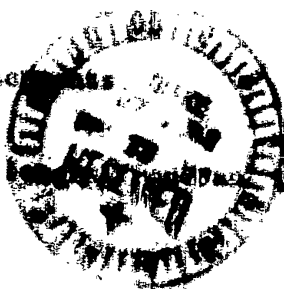
We would like to use them in MO work. The pro-
 posal is that they also execute certain duties for
 General Arnold, an arrangement which General Donovan
 has enthusiastically approved in principle.

We request that their security investigation be
 made and reported to us as soon as possible.

C.P.H.
 C.P.H.

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cc:



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March 6, 1949

William Mallard, Esq.
1501 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Bill:

I asked Ole Doering to look into the case of Mr. Sidney Freidberg, about whom you wrote me on February 26th. He advises me that the branch of this office in which Mr. Freidberg is employed has informed him that there is no allotment vacancy to which his appointment as an officer could be requested.

I am sorry that under the circumstances there is nothing we can do in regard to commissioning Mr. Freidberg.

Very sincerely yours,

Doering:LMC

William J. Donovan

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to: Major Denny

The P. A. Committee has
advised Mr. Friedberg that
there is no allotment
being to which his
appointment as an officer
could be requested.

WJ

Office of the Secretary

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NEW YORK

ATTORNEYS
AND
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PHILNIZER

February 26, 1943

Col. William J. Donovan
Hotel St. Regis
New York, New York

Dear Colonel:

Learning from Shorty Irvine that you will be in New York on Saturday, I am taking the liberty of addressing this letter to you at the St. Regis Hotel.

Sometime last October, Shorty Irvine spoke to you about a man in the Office of Strategic Services by the name of Sidney Freidberg, who is anxious to obtain a commission in the armed forces, so that he may continue working for your organization. I understand that a limited number of commissions have been only recently made available for this purpose. I should appreciate it deeply if you would give Mr. Freidberg's case your personal consideration, for I am sure that you will agree with me that his qualifications merit a commission.

Mr. Freidberg graduated from Yale Law School in 1936 where he had an excellent record, graduating within the first ten of his class. He then became associated with Phillips, Nizer, Benjamin & Krim, the firm with which I am now associated. His association with this firm continued until he obtained a leave of absence to join the Office of Strategic Services in June, 1941. The members of this firm have the highest regard for his intelligence and ability. He is also known favorably to Mr. Robert A. Young, with whom Carl Newton has been so closely associated for some years. He has done work for Mr. Young in connection with our representation of the Pathe companies.

Col. William F. Donovan

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February 26, 1943

At the Office of Strategic Services Mr. Freidberg's record has been most outstanding. He is one of twenty research technicians in the Pictorial Records Section, and I am informed that his work far surpasses that of all the others. The average number of still photographs brought in by the research technicians is 5,400. Mr. Freidberg's acquisitions total 19,000. The researcher who ranks second brought in 8,500 pictures. Thus, Mr. Freidberg's total is more than three and one-half times the average and more than twice that of his nearest associate.

I imagine there would be comparatively little difficulty about allocating a commission to Mr. Freidberg if it were not for his age. He was 29 last month. I understand that commissions may be granted to men under 30 where "exceptional circumstances" exist, and it seems to me that there are such exceptional circumstances in Mr. Freidberg's case.

Time is of the essence, for Mr. Freidberg has been reclassified in 1A and his induction is imminent. His superiors had obtained a 2B classification for him sometime ago, but this, of course, was cancelled by the President's order in December. The deferment was unsolicited by him as he is anxious to serve in any capacity for which he is best fitted.

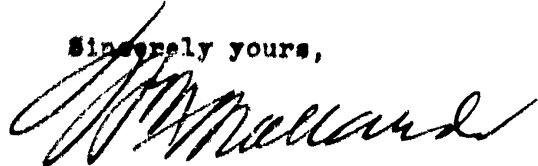
I have known Sidney Freidberg for a number of years and have been associated with him in a number of different matters. In my opinion, he is a gentleman of the highest character and ability, and more than that he has the personality which is necessary in the type of work that your organization is carrying on.

I shall be indeed personally grateful for anything that you may be able to do in this matter. I believe it would be a pity for your organization to lose such a capable man.

It has been a long time since I have had an opportunity to see you, but I have refrained from calling you, knowing how extremely occupied your time has been.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



WM:FK

X China
**CHINESE EMBASSY
OFFICE OF THE MILITARY ATTACHE
2020 16TH STREET N W
WASHINGTON D C U S A**

March 29, 1943

**General William G. Donovan
Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.**

Dear General Donovan:

Thank you for your letter of March 24, 1943. I have called my principal in Chungking today, and shall be pleased to communicate with you again as soon as I have received an answer to the cable.

It is with great pleasure that I extend my hearty congratulations to you on your recent promotion.

With best personal regards to you and
Mrs. Donovan, I am

Respectfully yours,


**Shao-ju Pu Hsiao
Lieut. Colonel
Asst. Military Attache**

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X China
X Hsiao, Col.

March 24, 1943

Colonel Sin-Ju Pu Hsiao,
The Chinese Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

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My dear Colonel Hsiao:

My people here have told me that you are anxious to have someone in your headquarters in China who would be an expert on the installation of new systems.

Upon inquiry I find that there is now with the Central Bank of China a man named Joe Fisher Freeman. He is now in China, has no connection with us, but his name has been mentioned by the National City Bank, and in view of his presence there you might want to make use of him.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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THE NATIONAL CITY BANK
OF NEW YORK

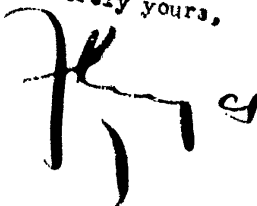
March 19, 1943

Colonel William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
25th and M Streets
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill,

The man I referred to for China
is Joe Fisher Freeman. He formerly
was with us but has been with the
Central Bank of China for some time.
He is an expert on the installation
of new systems. As he is right on
the ground, he might be just the man
you are looking for.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Marvin J. Freedman

13 September 1943

Mr. Marvin J. Freedman
136 Ashland Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Freedman:

Your letter of 8 September 1943 has come to me for attention in view of the absence of General Donovan.

Although your son is not under General Donovan's command, we would be glad to help if there were anything we could properly do. However, your son is in an entirely separate branch of the service, and it would only do him harm if we were to intercede in such a matter.

Yours very truly,

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

U. C. Doering, Jr.
Major, AUS
Chief, Secretariat

MARVIN J. FREEDMAN, INC.

Creator of Promotion Items

Phone GRant 4191 : 436 Ashland Avenue
Buffalo, New York

September 8, 1945

General William J. Donovan
Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Thanks very kindly for your letter of last April, and I am ashamed of myself for not answering it sooner; but I have been so busy trying to do my two sons' work, as well as my own to keep things going, that I don't have much time to write letters. I hope that everything is going well with you and I know it is.

My son that I wrote to you about is now at Sheppard Field, his address is:

Cpl. Martin F. Freedman
A A F B T C #3
S.O. 221 Sheppard Field, Texas

He would very much like to get into Pre Pro-Flight and he has advised me that he has passed all examinations. I wonder if you could help him in any way. If you could, I would greatly appreciate it. His papers are all in Washington now and he is waiting for a reply. His marks are very high. I believe that his division is under your command and if you could do anything to help him along, you know how I feel. If you would like to have me come to Washington and talk this over with you, I would be very glad to do so. I expect to be in New York next week and could easily run over there.

I would appreciate it if you will let me hear from you as soon as you possibly can, and whatever you say I will follow.

Thank you for your past favors, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

Marvin
Marvin J. Freedman

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April 12, 1943

Mr. Marvin J. Freedman
416 Abigail Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Dear Marvin:

I was glad to have your note. Of course I would be happy to help any one of your boys, but I assure you that the kind of suggestion you make would only hurt instead of help him.

I know your boy has the stuff, and they are so anxious to get capable men that I am sure he will make good. Please let me know if he gets in.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

MARVIN J. FREEDMAN, INC.*Creator of Promotion Items*

Phone GRant 4191 : 436 Ashland Avenue
Buffalo, New York

April 9, 1943

Lieutenant General William J. Donovan
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Bill:

No doubt, you will be surprised to hear from me as I have not seen you for a good many years. In fact since we were kids playing ball in the Rarge Lot, but, no doubt you will remember me.

I was very glad to hear that you were made a General and wish you all kinds of luck in your new office. I now have two sons in the Army and the younger one of the two, Martin P. Freedman is at St. Petersburg, Florida, Training Center. He just phoned me stating that he passed all his tests for Officers Candidate School with a very high mark and I am wondering if you could help me get him into O.C.S. by getting in touch with the Commanding Officer, who is Major Bull, Commanding Officer, AMF, Basic Training #3, St. Petersburg, Florida.

If you could do this without any trouble to yourself I certainly would appreciate it and I know you will do it if you can.

I get to Washington very often and would like to see you sometime, if it is possible for me to get to say "hello" to you; and any time that you have a minute I will be glad to hear from you.

With my best personal wishes, I beg to remain your friend,

Sincerely yours,

Marvin

Marvin J. Freedman

WJF:mj

Fish, Bert - 12103
State Dept
Not in interest.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 2, 1945.

My dear Colonel Duxton:

I wish to thank you for your thoughtful letter of July 26, 1945 concerning the death of the Honorable Bert Fish. Your expressions of condolence and sympathy are very deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Colonel G. Edward Duxton,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

x State Dept.

July 26, 1943

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

We have learned with great regret of the death of Mr. Bert Fish, the American Minister to Portugal. His sudden passing away is a shock to all of us. We share in what must be to you an even greater sense of loss. In all our relationship with Mr. Fish we always found him frank and sincere, placing first the best interests of the country which he so ably served. With the lapse of time and experience together, and especially since the arrival in Lisbon of the newly appointed Attaché to the Legation there, the Legation and this Organization have been working together, certainly to our entire satisfaction and we believe to the Legation's as well.

We wish to take this opportunity to express these sentiments to you personally by means of this letter.

Believe me, my dear Mr. Secretary,

Yours very respectfully,

G. Edward Buxton

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 1948

TO: Colonel G. E. Burton
FROM: Mr. W. H. Shepardon
SUBJECT:

*See Magruder
for approval*

This seems to me like a good idea.

W.H.S.

W.H.S.
W. H. S.

CONFIDENTIAL

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 23, 1943

MEMORANDUM

TO: Director, SI

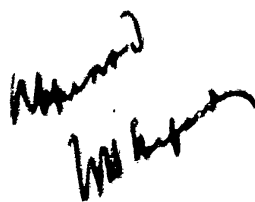
FROM: F. L. Mayer

SUBJECT: Proposed Letter to Secretary of State re Death of Mr. Fish

I suggest that Colonel Huxton send the attached, or a similar communication to the Secretary of State.

F. L. M.


Attachment



PROPOSED DRAFT

July 23, 1943

Personal

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Secretary:

We have learned with great regret of the death of Mr. Bort Fish, the American Minister to Portugal. His sudden passing away is a shock to all of us. We share in what must be to you ~~a~~^{the} ~~greater~~ greater sense of loss (and of sorrow.) In all our relationship with Mr. Fish we always found him frank and sincere, placing first the best interests of the country which he so ably served. With the lapse of time and experience together, and especially since the arrival in Lisbon of the newly appointed Attache to the Legation there, the Legation and this Organization have been working together, certainly to our entire satisfaction and we believe to the Legation's as well.

In view of the special character of OSS, we will not be able to take part officially, or evidence publicly our ?

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~~As I am Mr. [illegible], and our regret at his death, but we wish~~
to take this opportunity to express ^{these sentiments} ~~this~~ to you personally by
means of this letter.

Believe me, my dear Mr. Secretary,

Yours ~~faithfully~~ ^{Very Respectfully}

~~Samuel Joseph~~
690 Main St., 1181
March 20, 1944.

Brig. Gen William J. Donovan,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill

Many thanks for your
letter of March 13. and for
your inquiry into the matter.

Robert was commissioned
March 13 and stopped home
en route to New London, Conn.
We were all so happy about it.

~~He~~ He is so anxious to get into
it. He would rather die at
21 having been a part of this
than live to a ripe old age
without being in it. That's
American youth for you.

Thank you again.

Gratefully yours.

Mary D. Trimiari
(Mrs Robert J ...)

13 March 1944

Dear Harry:

It was good to hear from you.

I have inquired of the Navy about your son, Robert, and learn that his commission has been mailed to him within the past few days. You have probably already heard of this by now and I know you are glad that his status has been cleared up.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Mrs. Robert J. Finigan
2000 Main Street
Spartanville, S.C., New York

Fimiani 1181

NAVAL COMMAND
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
INITIALS AND NO.

11 March 1944

Memorandum for General Donovan

Subject: Robert J. Fimiani

I have been informed by the Bureau of Naval Personnel that Mr. Fimiani's commission is being mailed to him this morning as a result of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery's decision to waive his minor physical defect. Presumably this will not affect his previous orders and he will proceed to New London for duty.

L. J. Cushing
Leonard J. Cushing
Lieut. Comdr., USNR.

Thanking you for your kind
interest in my behalf, I remain

Gratefully yours
Mary D. Fimiani
(Mrs Robert J. Fimiani)

Brig Gen William J. Fimiani
Washington D.C.

Dear Bill

Once again I am writing to
you for assistance.

My younger son Robert J.
Fimiani has had three years of
Naval R.O.T.C. at Notre Dame
with his college course in Civil
Engineering. Their entire group
was commissioned Sunday. Robert
Bob's commission and notes to

3.
Report March 3 at New London Conn. for sub-marine training was held up after his final physical examination.

The defect was not considered serious at any time. Bob has always been active in athletics and successfully passed the NROTC work at Notre Dame for the past three years.

All his papers and physical report were returned to Washington February 29. He is home awaiting the decision as to his commission and orders. He will be back at

Notre Dame in October.

If at all possible will you please look into the matter while his papers are in Washington. He is the type of boy who is anxious to get into active service. He was thrilled when his name was posted for a commission and for sub-marine training.

Joseph is a first lieutenant in anti-air craft and has been over seas nearly a year. He is now stationed in Korea.

William R. S. 1181
 3000 Main Street
 Eggertsville, New York

Sill
 1151
 June 29 - 42

Colonel William J. Donovan

1647 - 30th Street N.W.

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Washington D.C.

Dear Bill

Joseph was ordered to report
 June 25 to Camp Davis North
 Carolina Training School for Coast
 Artillery and aircraft.

We are deeply indebted to you
 for this, as your personal influence
 and your kindly interest have been
 instrumental in sending him to
 Officers' Candidate School.

I feel that he will make good because he has the ability and the ambition and has experienced sixteen months of military training. I trust that he will be a credit to us especially since you have sponsored his promotion.

Thanking you sincerely, I remain

Gratefully yours..

Mary D Fiminian
(Mrs Robert J Fiminian)

May 18, 1942

Mrs. Mary D. Finlan
3690 Main Street
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mary:

I have your letter, and am glad that Joseph has made application for Air Corps training. I will be glad to get in touch with Colonel Ives and ask him to give consideration.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

3600 Main Street
Buffalo, New York
May 14th, 1942

Col. Wm. J. Donovan
1647-30th Street N. W.
Washington D. C.

Dear Bill,

We received a letter from Joseph dated April 29th, 1942 in which he stated that he received word from Washington, dated April 18th, telling him he was not qualified for Assignment in the Air Corps, but he was qualified for communications.

He immediately sent in an application to Chief of the Air Corps, Aviation Cadet Section, War Department, Washington D.C. for Aviation cadet training in communications. A copy of this application is enclosed.

Do you believe it is at all possible for you to again get in touch with Lt. Colonel John H. Ives to have consideration given this application?

Your kind interest in Joseph has been greatly appreciated.

I was very sorry to read of your accident and trust that you are now fully recovered.

Sincerely,

Mary D. Finiani

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BATTERY "D" 422 CA SEP BN COMP (AA)
A. P. O. #863, New York City
N. Y.

April 28, 1942

SUBJECT: Aviation Cadet Appointment

TO : Chief of the Air Corps, Aviation Cadet Section
War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. With reference to your letter dated April 16, 1942 stating that Pvt. Joseph C. Finiani, Stry. D, 422nd Sep CA Bn Comp (AA), is eligible for Aviation Cadet training in communications, you are advised that Pvt. Joseph C. Finiani wishes to be considered for this type of Air Corps training.

2. The applicant was recently transferred to foreign service with his unit. His new mailing address is:

Pvt. Joseph C. Finiani
Stry. D-422nd Sep CA Bn Comp (AA)
A. P. O. #863, U. S. Army
c/o Postmaster New York City, N. Y.

3. There is inclosed herewith a record of the applicants physical examination made out on W.D., A.G.O. Form #45 in triplicate (3).

4. Aviation Cadet Examining Board, Air Base, A. P. O. #863-U. S. Army, c/o Postmaster, New York City, New York is accessible to the applicant. The applicant awaits further word on the status of his application.

Pvt. Joseph C. Finiani
Stry. "D" 422 Sep CA Bn Comp (AA).

April 2, 1942

Mrs. Robert J. Finiani
2670 Main Street
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mary:

With further reference to Joseph's
desire to take Officer's Training, I am
enclosing copy of a letter just received
from the Air Corps.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

Enclosure

Murphy:rb

WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION G-2
WASHINGTON

Jim: - -

The attached letter
will explain the present
status of Timiani's
application for armament
training.

I believe it only a
matter of a few weeks and
the necessary papers
should be in proper order.

Regards to the
Chief of C.O.D. and
yourself.



W. P. Darned

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES
~~EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING AND DECLASSIFICATION~~

WASHINGTON

March 28, 1942

Colonel George C. McDonald
War Department, General Staff
Military Intelligence Division G-2
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel McDonald:

Your letter of March 19, 1942, addressed to Lt. Colonel John H. Ives, in the interest of Private Joseph C. Finiani, who desires aviation cadet appointment for training in armament with the Army Air Forces, has been referred to me for reply.

In this connection, you are advised that Private Finiani has been requested to submit further evidence of his college work to this office in order that his qualifications for specialized ground training may be more fully determined. His application is being held pending further word from him.

Your interest in this young man is appreciated and you are assured that his application will be given every possible consideration.

Very truly yours,

W. H. HEDDT

W. H. HEDDT
Captain, A. C.
Asst. Chief, Officer Candidate Section
Military Personnel Division, O.D.P.

Enclosure (1)



to the 26th Div.

2. D. J. J. J.

Pvt

10-15-41 C. Jimiani
 Battery 10 - 42nd Separate Battalion
 C.A.A. Camp Edwards
 3690 Main Street
 Buffalo, New York
 March 13th, 1942

Col. Wm. J. Donovan
 1847 - 30th Street N. W.
 Washington D. C.

Dear Bill:

Joseph has now made application as an Aviation Cadet (ground crew) in armament. We have again sent his birth certificate, three letters of recommendation, and a transcript of his college record. He has the required qualifications and has passed his physical exam.

In a letter written you August 16th by the Assistant Secretary of War: "I am sure that the Air Corps, from what Levett has told me, is looking for people with Jimiani's experience." Joseph had the highest rating of his battery in the Intelligence test. He has studied as you suggested.

On September 13, Lt. Crane of Battery F 209th C.A.A.A. wrote in his letter of recommendation: "He is both intelligent and well-educated and in my mind well worthy of serious consideration for the course of instructions as a non-pilot flying cadet."

A word from the Chief of the Air Corps in Washington D. C. would send him on his way to his long-sought-for goal.

He is applying directly to:

Aviation Cadet Section
 Office of the Chief of Air Corps
 War Department
 Washington D. C.

May I hope that you will get this application approved.

Gratefully yours,

Mary D. Jimiani
 (Mrs. Robert J. Jimiani)

very truly
 yours
 Mary D. Jimiani

TO: .

~~Captain Haggner~~

From J. A. M.

COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

Private Joseph C. Piniemi
Battery D
6888 Central Postal Directory Co. A.A.A.
Camp Edwards
Massachusetts

Commanding Officer - Lieut. Robert Haggner of
Rochester, New York

Superior Officer - Lieut. Col. Haggner

Reynolds

3690 Main Street
Buffalo, New York
February 10, 1942

Colonel William J. Donovan,
1847 - 30th Street N. W.,
Washington,

Dear Bill,

We have just returned from a week-end visit with Joseph at Camp Edwards.

He is in Battery D 42nd Separate Battalion of the C.A.A.A. His Commanding Officer is Lieut. Robert Moser of Rochester as they have no captain as yet. Their superior officer is Lieut. Col. Waters, Class of 1919 of West Point.

Joseph was rated as a specialist when he left Camp Stewart.

His papers for Officers Candidate School have not yet arrived at Camp Edwards. Could these be traced so something can be done before he is again transferred? He is very anxious about it as he has three times been almost to the point of appearing before the board.

You said he would be called before a Board of Officers on or before March 1 -- that time is drawing near so we are afraid the papers are pigeonholed somewhere.

Joseph was keenly disappointed when he was taken from the radio school, but we tried to bolster his hopes that he would be given his chance in spite of his transfer.

Your interest and your help are what we need to give Joseph his opportunity. We are placing all our hopes in you.

Gratefully yours,

Mary D. Finiani
(Mrs Robert J. Finiani)

FIMIANI
3800 MAIN STREET
EDGEMONTVILLE NEW YORK

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Dear Bill

Joseph left Camp Stewart
this morning. His new address
will be

Private Joseph C Fimiani
Battery D.

422nd Separate Battalion CAA
Camp Edwards
Mass.

This Battalion is to be assigned to
the 26th Division (New England).

Mary D Fimiani

Robert J. FIMIANI
 3290 MAIN STREET
 EQUETSVILLE, NEW YORK

Jan 23, 1942

Dear Bill

Monday January 19 Joseph was sent to Radio Communications School at Camp Stewart where he attended classes daily between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8:30 P.M. He liked the work and studied diligently as he felt it was his opportunity for advancement.

Thursday when he returned from classes his name was on the list of forty men to be sent Tues. Jan 27 to Camp Edwards Mass. His Captain Allan Nordstrom and some of the other men of his

January 14, 1942

Mrs. Mary B. Piniand
1640 Main Street
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mary:

Before Joseph goes before the Board of Officers, be sure that he has brushed up on the following subjects:

1. American and European History for the last twenty-five years.
2. Current Events
3. World Geography

If he does not already do so, he should commence thoroughly reading a daily newspaper from now until the time of his appearance before the Board. He should be familiar with the names of the principal figures in the governments of the world at present, and also, with the principal military and naval commanders of the various governments. Likewise, he should be able to identify places where military operations are being conducted.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

WJD/ed:

January 15, 1942

Mrs. Mary B. Finiani
3670 Main Street
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mary:

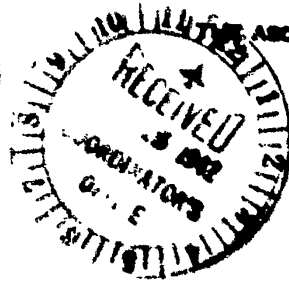
I have been informed by the Assistant Secretary of War that Joseph will be ordered to appear before a Board of Officers on or before March 1, 1942, which Board will determine his fitness as a candidate for the Coast Artillery Officer Candidate School.

The final selection will be made by the Commanding General, Fourth Corps Area, and this officer will give every consideration to the qualifications of Joseph.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

WJD/edj



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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1943

Dear Bill:

Attached is copy of a memorandum I
received from The Adjutant General about Finiani.

Sincerely,

Colonel William J. Donovan
Coordinator of Information
Administration Building
Washington, D. C.

Enc.

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January 15, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR the Assistant Secretary of War.

Subject: Attention to an Officer Candidate School.

Reference is made to your memorandum of November 24, 1944, in the case of Private Joseph C. Michael, Battery F, 2nd Coast Artillery, Camp Stewart, Georgia.

A report has been received from the Commanding General, Fourth Corps Area, that Private Michael will be ordered to appear before a Board of Officers scheduled to convene on or about March 1, 1945, with a view to determining his status as a candidate for the Coast Artillery Officer Candidate School.

The final selection of Private Michael as a candidate will be made by the Commanding General, Fourth Corps Area, without reference to the War Department. That officer will give every consideration to the qualifications of the soldier.

H. S. ADAMS.

Major General,
The Adjutant General.

1 Incl.

Ltr. 12/21/44 - W. J. FROST.

PO:

Capt. Hoppner

1/14/42

COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

3690 Main Street.
Buffalo, New York January 12, 1942

Colonel William J. Donovan
1647 - 30th Street N. W.
Washington D. C.

Dear Bill,

Joseph has had his furlough and is today returning to Camp Stewart Savannah, Ga.

The commanding officer of the 209th C.A.A.A. is Colonel Townson of Rochester, New York. The captain of Battery F. is E. Alan Nordstrom who was associated with the New York Telephone Company in Buffalo.

The 209th Coast Artillery Anti-aircraft is not part of any division. It belongs to the first army.

As I told you, Joseph was ordered to Fort Polk for his physical exam while on maneuvers. When he reached there, he was told that his papers were not there. He should have been sent to Savannah.

Another appointment was made for his physical exam Dec. 18 in Savannah. On Dec. 11 he was sent as a guard with the Anti-aircraft equipment that was shipped to California.

I have had a heart to heart talk with Joseph and find that he volunteers for extra duty....does all his assignments willingly and thoroughly. But Capt. Nordstrom was peeved when a requisition was sent in by the hospital unit to have Joseph sent there as a laboratory technician. When he was at the hospital for treatment on his foot, he became acquainted with the staff and told them he was studying Pre-Med at U. S. and his questionnaire at the time of his enlistment rated him as a laboratory technician. Unbeknown to Joseph, they sent in a requisition for him in that capacity. The colonel signed the paper but when Capt. Nordstrom got it, he sent for Joseph and told him he could be court martialled for sending in the requisition. You said, "his life is in the hands of his captain and his colonel" which has been clearly shown in the above incident.

Joseph knows full well he will not be accepted in the air corps because of his eyes. His second choice is Coast Artillery. Could he not be sent to the Officers Training School in Coast Artillery?

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Col. W. J. Donovan

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January 12, 1941

He has spent his spare time studying the tom series and is very anxious to amount to something. I really feel that his spirit is being broken because he has had no advancement. He left school and enlisted with the ambition to gain promotion and be of service.

He has been in service eleven months...has been through the maneuvers in Carolina. Last spring he attended the intelligence school for six weeks and then was assigned to communications. His intelligence rating was 140. He will be 21 on April 28, 1941.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated. One word from you would send him to the Officer's training school and we are earnestly trusting that he will be given his chance.

Respectfully yours,

Mary D. Finiani

Private Joseph C. Finiani
Battery F. 108
809th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft
Camp Stewart
Savannah, Georgia

Commanding officer
Regimental Executive
Battery F

Col. Kenneth C. Townsend of
Lt. Col. Karl F. Haussner of
Capt. E. Alan Nordstrom of

Rochester, N. Y.
Buffalo, N. Y.
Buffalo, N. Y.

REPLY
 REPLY TO: COL Finiani, Joseph C.
 (10-31-41) EA

WAR DEPARTMENT
 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
 WASHINGTON

January 9, 1943

Colonel William J. Donovan,
 Coordinator of Information,
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Donovan:

I have your letter of December 31, 1941,
 requesting information relative to the application for
 detail to an Officer Candidate School submitted by
 Private Joseph C. Finiani, Battery F, 309th Coast Ar-
 tillery, Camp Stewart, Georgia.

A report has been called for in this case,
 and upon its receipt, the Assistant Secretary of War
 will communicate with you.

Very respectfully,

E. S. Evans

Major General,
 The Adjutant General.



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

*Happen
has P.C.*

January 5, 1943

Dear Bill:

I will make further inquiry about
Private Finiani's application for Officer Candidate
School training and let you know if anything can
be done about it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature, likely of Colonel William J. Donovan, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Colonel William J. Donovan
Coordinator of Information
Administration Building
20th & E Streets
Washington, D. C.

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J. H. L. R.
December 31, 1941

Mr. Jean J. McCloy,
Assistant Secretary of War,
War Relocation Authority,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jacks:

You may recall that in August you were kind enough to look into the case of Private Joseph Finiami, who desired to get into an officers training school.

No action has been taken on his application, and I wonder if it would be possible for your office to check the reason why his application has been turned down, if in fact it has.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: Mr. H. Heppner
TO: Mr. J. Donovan
SUBJECT: Mr. J. Joseph C. Finland

DATE December 15, 1941

The record on Finland shows that you took this matter up with the War Department and that they referred it to the Commanding General, Fourth Army, Atlanta, Georgia, to insure that his application to an Officer Candidate School would receive consideration when submitted.

There is nothing in the record to show that such an application has been submitted. I suggest that you write to his mother asking her to ascertain whether such an application has been submitted. If not, the only thing which you can now do, in my opinion, is to write a letter of recommendation in his behalf.

R.P.H.

FIMIANI
3880 MAIN STREET
EGUERTSVILLE NEW YORK

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Reynolds

Dec 4 - 1941

Col Wm. J. Donovan
Washington, D. C.

Dear Will

I am wondering what is being done for our son Joseph. On Sept 22 I forwarded his college record as requested and later a copy of his prescription of glasses given him by Dr Freeman, who carried on after Dr Weed died.

I wrote you when he was leaving for maneuvers in Carolina. The maneuvers are on and he is again at Camp Stewart. He will be home about Dec 15 for his Texas furlough.

COPY

War Department
Office of the Assistant Secretary
Washington, D.C.

August 16, 1941

Dear Bill,

I have your note of the 15th regarding Finiani. Considering the need for specialists in the service for which he has applied, I should think there would be little difficulty in his getting his application granted. I am sure that the Air Corps, from what Lovett has told me, is looking for people with Finiani's experience.

As for the Officers' Training School, there is a set method by which candidates can apply to that. He does need recommendations for that but, as I do not know him, I cannot write a letter for him. I assume that you can do that. I am writing to Mrs. Finiani giving her all the dope I can.

Sincerely,

/s/ JACK

Mr. William J. Donovan,
Apex Building,
Washington, D. C.

Sept 21 - 1941

Col William J. Donovan,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Will

Do not judge my silence as lack of appreciation or gratitude for your interest in my behalf. I have wanted to write you until I should have something definite to state.

With your letter of August 23 was a copy of a letter from the Assistant Secretary of War signed "Jack". I have not as yet heard from him.

Three weeks ago Joseph submitted his application for Coast Artillery Officers Training School. It is passed.

Battery F.
209th Coast Artillery (AA)
Camp Stewart, Ga.

13 September 41.

To Whom It May Concern;

I have known Joseph G. Finiani as enlisted man of this Battery for upwards of seven months and have had considerable opportunity to observe him in his work and daily life. He is a man of excellent character and good habits and has proved himself very conscientious in any work given him to perform.

He is both intelligent and well educated and in my mind well worthy of serious consideration for the course of instruction as a non-pilot flying cadet.

James L. Crane Jr.
1st Lt Story F 209th C.A. (AA)
Commandg.

C - O - P - Y

FERCIVAL V. BOWEN
Buffalo, N. Y.

August 19th, 1941.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Private Joseph G. Finiani, Battery "F" 200th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft, Camp Stewart, Savannah, Georgia, is a young man who has been known to me for some time. I have known the family socially and I have known them in a business way for some years. Joseph G. Finiani, while he was in college, did some work for me so that I had an opportunity to get a more complete knowledge of his character than I have gained from purely social contact. I found him intelligent, honest, energetic, - a fine type of young man.

It is my understanding that he has taken a ground course in aeronautics and has taken some lessons in flying. I am informed that he is making application for entrance to the Officers' Training School in the Signal Corps, for the Officers' Training School in the Coast Artillery, or for the training course for Flying Cadets. I believe he has the background of education and character that would make him qualify for any one of these three courses, and consequently I have no hesitation in recommending him for them.

Very truly yours

F. V. Bowen

SPENCER LENS COMPANY
Buffalo, N.Y.

August 21, 1941

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Subject: Private Joseph G. Finiani, Battery F, 204
309 Coast Artillery Anti-aircraft
Camp Stewart, Savannah, Georgia

I understand that Private Finiani has made application for admittance to a training school leading to an Army commission.

I have known this young man for a number of years, dating back to the period when he was in high school. He was prominent in scholastic and athletic activities in Lakewood High School.

Following graduation he attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for one year, and prior to his induction into the Service he attended the University of Buffalo for a year and a half.

He has had ground courses in aeronautics, as well as flying lessons and has some solo hours to his credit.

I would like to recommend him most highly from the standpoint of ability, character and personality. I feel when he is given the opportunity to take the training requested, he will show unusual qualifications and ability.

Wm. Witherspoon
President

W. Witherspoon
AW

COPY

WHEELER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

August 16, 1941

Dear Mr. [Name Redacted]:

Joseph [Name Redacted] is applying for admission to the United States Air Corps and would like to add these few lines to his references.

I have known Joseph for the past eight years and have always found him a serious-minded and industrious boy. He has an exceptionally keen mind and unusual ability to analyze. He ranked in the upper ten percent of his class.

During his stay here at our school, he rose to positions of leadership in athletics and class activities. He is a natural leader because of his ability to win the respect and confidence of all who know him.

Joseph is above average in appearance and physical vigor. He is well-balanced emotionally and has a wholesome philosophy of life.

It is with pleasure that I recommend him to you and I am sure that if he is accepted, he will become a worthy member of the corps.

Very truly yours

John Scheller

Assistant Principal

McClary
X Jimenez
Olsen
September 5, 1941
Final

Dear Mary:

Here is the word I received from the
War Department in regard to your boy. I hope you
will follow the suggestion of Colonel Olsen.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Mrs Robert J. Finiani
3000 Main Street
Buffalo, New York

Encl.
Date 9/15/41 - Olsen-A.C.D.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 2, 1941

Dear Bill,

I have looked into the case of
Private Joseph C. Finiani, referred to in your
letter of August 18th. The attached memorandum
I received from The Adjutant General is self-
explanatory.

Sincerely,


JMcC

Mr. William J. Donovan
Agas Building
7th & Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Enc.

1. Memo 8/25/41 - Olsen-A.G.D.

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REFER TOWAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

AUG 28 1941

WAR DEPT.

August 25, 1941.

MEMORANDUM for Major Ralph H. Tate,
General Staff,
Executive.

No record has been found of the receipt of an application for appointment as aviation cadet in the case of Private Joseph C. Piniari, 209th Coast Artillery, Camp Stewart, Georgia. This application probably is being forwarded through military channels and when received in the War Department, it will be given careful consideration.

In order that uniform opportunity to attend Officer Candidate Schools may be given enlisted men of all arms and services, the War Department has pro-rated the vacancies between the various corps areas and departments, and has placed the responsibility of selection upon these commanders. Boards of officers are convened in each corps area for the purpose of considering applications for admission to the various Officer Candidate Schools and making recommendations as to the candidates to be selected. The War Department has directed that the basic and predominating consideration governing selections to Officer Candidate Schools will be outstanding qualities of leadership as demonstrated by actual service in the Army.

As this soldier is serving within the jurisdiction of the Commanding General, Fourth Corps Area, Atlanta, Georgia, a letter has been sent to that officer to insure that Private Piniari's application for detail to an Officer Candidate School will be given consideration, when submitted.



Lt. Col., A. O. D.

1 Incl.

Ltr. from Mr. Donovan.

Dear Mary:

Here's a letter I received from
the Assistant Secretary of War. I hope
by now you have heard from him.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Mrs. Robert J. Fleming
3690 Main Street
Buffalo, New York

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Wm. J. Donovan

August 16, 1941

Dear Bill,

I have your note of the 15th regarding Finiani. Considering the need for specialists in the service for which he has applied, I should think there would be little difficulty in his getting his application granted. I am sure that the Air Corps, from what Lovett has told me, is looking for people with Finiani's experience.

As for the Officers' Training School, there is a set method by which candidates can apply to that. He does need recommendations for that but, as I do not know him, I cannot write a letter for him. I assume that you can do that. I am writing to Mrs. Finiani giving her all the dope I can.

Sincerely,

WJ

Mr. William J. Donovan,
Apex Building,
Washington, D. C.

is letter in his possession

August 15, 1941

Dear Marys

I am glad to have your letter about Joseph. I have asked the Assistant Secretary of War to follow through on this matter.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Mrs. Robert J. Finland
3446 Main Street
Buffalo, New York

WJD:W

August 15, 1941

Dear Jack:

I received the following letter from Mrs. Robert J. Finiani about her son:

"My son, Joseph C. Finiani, enlisted in the 209th Coast Artillery Anti-aircraft on Feb. 8, 1941 and was inducted into service Feb. 10. He has been stationed at Camp Stewart, Savannah, Ga. since Feb. 19.

Joseph was 19 at the time he enlisted and he was in third year college. He had a year at Rensselaer where he was studying aeronautical engineering, after which he had finished 1 1/2 years at University of Buffalo. He had had a ground course in aeronautics and had taken private lessons in flying and had sailed but he did not take the government test to be a pilot.

"Applications are now being received for admission to the Air Corps, to Officers Training School in Coast Artillery and in the Signal Corps. Joseph has the required qualifications for the Air Corps and he is putting in his application for a flying cadet which may not be accepted because he wears glasses. He is getting permission from L.A.M. to put in his application for both of the Officers Training Schools in the hope that he may be admitted to one of them.

"We need recommendations for any of them as I am asking if you will use your influence to have him assigned to one of the above mentioned training schools which in your judgment would be best.

"He had hoped he would finish college before enlisting but he resigned from U.S. after registering for the second semester of his junior year.

"Any I hope to hear from you. Anything that you will do, and I am sure you can do in this matter, will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your interest and your efforts in my behalf."

I had to bother you about these things but you are the one person I know who takes a human interest in these civilian boys and

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it is only by taking care of these things that I think we can really develop morale.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Mr. John J. McCloy
Assistant Secretary of War
War Department
Washington, D. C.

KACM

3600 MAIN STREET
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Aug 10 - 1941

Dear Bell

I had written him asking him to reach you for me. But he suggested that I write you myself which explains why I am taking up a moment of your valuable time.

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May I hope to hear from you.
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 sure you can do in this matter, will
 be greatly appreciated. Thanking you
 for your interest and your efforts in
 my behalf. / I remain

Sincerely Yours.

Mary Driscoll Timm
 (Mrs Robert J)

Re -

Joseph C Timmiani
 209 Cedar St.
 Battery F
 Camp Stewart
 Savannah Georgia

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Tel: Whitehall 9000
Ext. 991

Intelligence Division,
Naval Staff,
Admiralty, S.W.1.

9th November, 1942.

Dear Bill,

I was very sorry not to be able to see you and have a final talk before saying good-bye, but I would like you to know how very much I appreciated the kindness shown to me by your staff during my stay in Washington and the facilities which you accorded me. In particular Dave Bruce, Atherton Richards, and Dr. Langer could not have been kinder, and I have brought back with me a vivid impression of keen minds doing a fine job of work.

I do hope that this great organisation you have build up will continue to flourish like a green bay tree despite the very mixed weather it is facing and will doubtless have to face in the future. I feel it will only do so if you continue to inspire it with the same enthusiasm and esprit de corps which I found everywhere amongst your staff - and so I hope you will.

If there is anything I can ever do to help you or your representatives I hope you will call on me.

With very best wishes and again all my thanks,

Yours ever
Ian F.

W. J. Donovan
Colonel W. J. Donovan.

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NEW YORK

CLARENCE FRANCIS
PRESIDENT

December 17 1942

Colonel William Donovan
O S S
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill:

I hated like the mischief to have to send you
telegram reading as follows:

"Sorry must decline because various
commitments made by various members
of our organization make it impossible
for me to take full time assignment.
Writing today."

Because of the refusal I know that I am failing
to participate in an activity in which I would
be vitally interested and where I would like to
make a contribution.

However, as my associates and I carefully re-
viewed not only our responsibilities here but
the many absentees who have not only entered
the armed forces but who are today participat-
ing in Washington activities and, as well the
individual commitments (some of which I describ-
ed to you) there seemed to be no other sound con-
clusion.

While I shall always regret not having participat-
ed, I shall always remember the high compliment of
your invitation.

Yours all truly

CF:DB

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*Letter to x 2, D. B.
J. M. Murphy & S. F.*

19 June 1944.

Lieut. Colonel Charles Garside,
Special Asst. to the Director,
Purchases Division,
Hq., Army Service Forces,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Charles:

Thank you for your letter of
May 29 which I have just received on my re-
turn from France.

I appreciate your keeping me
advised.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

TO: Major Lee

Thank you for sending this
correspondence to me.



S. C. Missal,
Lt. Colonel, M. C.

FROM: _____

EXT. _____

OSS Form 1084b

DATE 30 May 1944TO: Col. Missal

Would you be good enough when you
have finished with this report
to return it to the Director's
office for his files?

Thank you.

A.H.S.

A. H. Outbank,
Colonel, ME

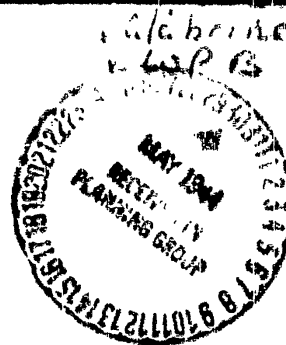
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

29 May 1944



MEMORANDUM

TO : Executive Officer of the Planning Group
FROM : Secretariat

It is believed that the attached letter from Lieut. Colonel Charles Garside to General Donovan and enclosure will be of interest to the Planning Group. When it has served your purpose, will you kindly forward it to Colonel Garside with the request that he return it to the Director's files.

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D. C. Lee
Major, AUS
Chief, Secretariat



HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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25 May 1944

Brig. General Wm. J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Herewith please find copy of letter 24 May 1944 from the Under Secretary of War to the Chairman of the War Production Board. This is informally transmitted to you for your information and files because of the interest your office has in the subject matter.

With warm personal regards believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Charles Garstide

CHARLES GARSTIDE
Lieut. Colonel, U.S.A.
Special Assistant to the Director
Purchases Division

1 Incl.
by ltr to WFE

Written 22 May 1944
Signed, dated and dis-
patched 24 May 1944

Mr. David M. Nelson
Chairman, War Production Board
1225 War Relocation Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Reference is made to my letter to you dated 27 July 1943 on the subject of quinine and the procurement of cinchona bark, and to your answer dated 9 August 1943.

In the intervening ten months the Army has had much actual experience in the suppression and treatment of malaria. As a result of this clinical experience the Surgeon General has substantially reduced the quinine requirements of the Army for the years 1944, 1945, 1946, and 1947. In consequence of this reduction in requirements the now existing Army stocks of quinine, which have been accumulated through effective conservation measures, will not be exhausted until 1 November 1947 at the present rate of use, and there is no foreseeable need to requisition further stocks from the Treasury or Science Supplies Corporation stockpile until early in 1947, or a reasonable period before any earlier indicated exhaustion. However, small quantities of quinine dihydrochloride for intravenous use will be required from time to time.

The reduction in requirements is principally the result of the now generally accepted view that atabrine is the full therapeutic and suppressive equivalent of quinine. A year ago there existed considerable uncertainty on this score. Furthermore, a year ago production of atabrine was low. Through the joint efforts of the War Production Board and the Army, production of atabrine is now in all respects adequate, and as a result of experience, atabrine has become the drug of choice in the suppression of malaria and in emergency small to large to medium in the treatment of the disease. Quinine is now therefore necessary, as in many regions, intravenous injections are in line of sensitivity to atabrine.

Quinine is also used by the Army to a limited extent in the treatment (but not for suppressive purposes) of malaria. The Surgeon General estimates that 1,400,000 ounces of quinine will last from now to the end of 1947, depending upon the extent to which it can be used. In this matter the Surgeon General already has under preparation

500,000 ounces pursuant to allocation of the War Production Board. The remaining 500,000 ounces, if required, would not be needed for a year or more. It is understood that totogaine is being provided for United States civilian antimalarial needs.

In view of the foregoing, it is probable that you will desire to modify your instructions to Foreign Economic Administration with respect to procurement of cinchona bark and quinine sulphate in Central and South America.

The Army desires to hold its present stocks of quinine against possible presently unforeseeable developments in the course of the war or in the prevention and treatment of malaria. In the absence of such developments it is reasonably clear, however, that no further calls will be made upon the War Production Board or other Government agencies for quinine or totogaine, excepting the possible 500,000 ounces of the latter and the quinine dihydrochloride referred to above, until early in 1947.

This communication is not intended to suggest relaxation of quinine controls, or distribution of any part of the stockpiles under policies different from those now in force. It is emphasized that the uncertain duration and course of the war, together with the possibility of new therapeutic or technical developments, make necessary the continuation of a conservative course in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY P. PATTERSON
Under Secretary of War

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27 May 1944

Lieut. Colonel Charles Garaido, J.A.G.D.
Special Assistant to the Director
Purchases Division
Headquarters, Army Service Forces
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Colonel Garaido:

In General Donovan's absence I am writing to acknowledge your letter to him of 26 May 1944 and to thank you for the copy of Mr. Patterson's letter which it enclosed. Mr. Patterson's letter will be called to the attention of the officers of this agency who are interested in the subject.

Yours very truly,

Duncan G. Lee
Major, AUS
Chief, Secretariat

DCL:JTF

Foster, Reginald C.

26 December 1944

Mr. Reginald C. Foster, Esq.
 Phillips House
 Massachusetts General Hospital
 Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Regler:

I am going to get away soon. I am sorry that there was no chance of seeing you before leaving but at least I can send New Year's greetings and best wishes to you and your good wife.

We miss you here very much. You did a great piece of work and you can be proud of it. You know, I am sure, that when you are fit for it, there is more work here for you to do and it can all be arranged to suit you -- as much or as little as you want to undertake.

I'll see you when I get back.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
 Director

Lt. Col. Paul Roberts
PPB

Flynn End 9

Attached is a letter recommending a man named Flynn for assignment with OAS because of his knowledge of Chinese. Flynn's full name is not given, nor is his grade, but the letter states that he is assigned to the cavalry at Fort Riley.

Would your office take what action is appropriate and also reply to the letter. I understand from Major Culp that all ASTP students at Fort Riley with a knowledge of Chinese have been interviewed by PPB, so it may be that Flynn is already known to your branch.

John W. Archincloss
1st Lt., JAGD
Secretariat

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ADVISE REPLY TO
THE COMMANDANT (OTF)
OFFICE TO FILE

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Information

21 December, 1944

Major General F. J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Service
2500 K Street, NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am taking the liberty of conveying some information to you which I think is doing the War Department and possibly your Department a favor.

I would not think of asking you to appoint anybody to a job or would not endeavor to help anyone get anywhere unless they wanted to get somewhere where there was something going on. Before conveying this information, I want to mention the stride you have made in your career has given me great pleasure, which of course includes your army rank.

A local business man, Lieutenant (T) Edmund J. Flynn, is the head of the Washington Volunteer Port Security Force. He gives practically full time to it, without pay, in the Reserve of the Coast Guard, which consists of 48,000 men and women throughout the country, all of whom give at least 4 hours a week. Some of whom give full time, of whom I happen to be one, stationed at Coast Guard Headquarters here in Washington.

Mr. Flynn (no relation) is a very high class patriotic citizen and has a son whose background is as follows:

He completed two years study in the school of foreign service at Georgetown University at the end of which time he was inducted into the Army. After completing his basic training in the Infantry he was sent to an Army Specialized Training School at Harvard University where he completed an intensive 1 year course in the Chinese language. Since then he has been assigned to duty with the cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he is now stationed.

I do not know the young man but am well acquainted with his father who, as I said before, is a very high class man.

This letter is unsolicited but it does seem too bad that all the background he has had should not be made use of. The doctor would like to go any place anytime and the more going the better pleased he would be. I thought you would be especially interested in his Georgetown and Harvard training.

With best wishes for the season, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Ralph E. Flinn

RALPH E. FLINN
Commander, USCGF (T)

Did you know that Jim Magee has had a stroke. He is in the Magee Hospital in Pittsburgh and is making some progress. Also, I heard, through scuttlebutt, that our old friend General Good-year is now a Brigadier General in the Army and out of the country somewhere. I haven't been in the limelight since you and I chased all over Pittsburgh with the motor police escort.

Br Secret Intelligence

PACIFIC WAR INTELLIGENCE

1. The British Secret Intelligence organization in the Far East, never very highly developed, has been largely submerged in the tide of Japanese Conquest and it is thought that the same conditions have affected the United States organization. We are thus at present conducting the Pacific War blindfolded, with entirely inadequate knowledge of the resources and operations of our enemy. This is a most serious situation which should be rectified, so far as possible, with a minimum of delay. At the same time, the foundations now to be recreated should provide a long term intelligence policy, looking forward to the possibility of a long war, to the period when the United Nations turn from the defensive to the offensive; and to the chaotic and possibly prolonged interval between a victorious armistice and the conclusion of peace in the Far East.
2. Before starting again from scratch, however, it seems imperative that the most complete system of cooperation should be created between the responsible British and U.S. authorities. This cooperation should obviously commence at the focal point which, in the case of the Pacific War, is the United States.
3. To achieve this cooperation, it is suggested there might be created in G-2,000's organization a Pacific Intelligence Bureau, with which the Far Eastern section of this office would cooperate closely, especially in regard to recruiting and exchange of

information.

4. Although there is in general throughout the United Nations an acute shortage of personnel qualified for Japan Intelligence duties, this shortage is relatively less felt in the British Intelligence Service in the U.S. which in fact commands the services of a number of individuals conversant with the Japanese language and psychology and with wide territorial experience of the Far East.
5. The Bureau anticipated would become responsible for the collection and conducting of secret intelligence relating to the Pacific War.
6. It would require to be equipped with a comprehensive library of books of reference relating to the Far East and should comprise a translation bureau staffed by competent translators and research assistants.
7. Details of Intelligence operations should be left to future consideration after the general principle of cooperation has been discussed.

September 19, 1941

Lt. Colonel Louis J. Fortier
War Department General Staff
Military Intelligence Division G-2
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel:

Here is a letter that I received from
Congressman Boggs in answer to my letter to him
some time ago, your boy.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Enclosure Letter dated 9/10/41
from Halc Boggs, H.C.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES

Washington, D. C.

September 18, 1941
Dict. 9/17/41

Dear Colonel Donovan:

I appreciate your letter of September 17 and your attention to the splendid qualifications of Colonel Fortier's son.

Please assure the Colonel that his son will have every consideration. I know that all you say is true, as the Colonel is a member of an old and distinguished Louisiana family.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Hale Boggs, M.C.

Honorable William J. Donovan
Coordinator of Information
Washington, D.C.

C O P Y

September 15, 1941

W
x Fortier
x Boggs

Honorable Hale Boggs
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Boggs:

I hope you will not consider it impertinent for me to tell you of my experience with Colonel Louis J. Fortier, who, I am informed, has made application to you in behalf of his son for an appointment to the Military Academy.

I have known Colonel Fortier for some time but had the particular opportunity of seeing him in Yugoslavia in the early part of this year. I found him not only an excellent soldier but a man of very fine character and a splendid American citizen.

Knowing that Colonel Fortier had neither the nor opportunity to maintain contacts at home, I am very glad to testify to his qualities as a soldier and a citizen. I am not well acquainted with his son but from all I have heard he would be an excellent choice.

Yours very truly,

William J. Donovan

WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION 5-2
WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 3, 1941.

Colonel William J. Donovan,
 Apex Building,
 5th & Pennsylvania, N.W.,
 Washington, D.C.

My dear Colonel Donovan:

Reference our telephone conversation, here is the POS of my son:

L. MURRAY PORTIER, (Son of Lt. Col., L.J. and of Solidella Boushon).

Born: Fort Stotsenberg, Philippines, September 15, 1924.

High School: 2 years at the American School of Paris;
 1 year, private tutors in Belgrade, Yugoslavia;
 final year at Portier High School, New Orleans,
 La., where he ranked scholastically 17 in a
 graduating class of 200.

Sports: Was Assistant Scoutmaster of American Scout Troop
 No. 2 of Paris. Member of the basketball team,
 also on the track and baseball squads.

I would deeply appreciate a word from you in his behalf to the Hon. Hale Boggs, Member of Congress from Louisiana. As you know, we in the army have little time or opportunity to maintain contact with our numerous political circles. It thus becomes necessary for me to appeal to those whom I consider my friends to give the boy a boost.

While I have in no way influenced my son to follow my profession, he seems to be very anxious to do so and I, in turn, feel that he would be a credit to the service.

Deeply appreciative of anything you may do for him and with kindest personal regards,

Most sincerely yours,


LOUIS J. PORTER,
 Lt. Colonel, General Staff,
 Chief, U.S. Section, I.I., G-2.

WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION G-2
WASHINGTON

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January 29, 1942

Colonel William J. Donovan
Coordinator of Information
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Donovan:

Your recent note of congratulations has brought me particular pleasure. Inasmuch as you are the only officer who has received all the American decorations for valor and as you are one of the few persons thoroughly familiar with the situation that had to be faced in Yugoslavia, a word of approval from you carries special significance. As would any soldier, I prefer to know that you feel that I fulfilled my duty to any award that I may receive.

Most sincerely yours,

Louis
Louis J. Fortier
Colonel, U.S.A.

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January 20, 1941

Colonel Louis J. Cortier
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Cortier:

I was greatly pleased to see that recognition has been given to your fine work in Yugoslavia. The citation should be a great source of satisfaction to you, and more than the citation is the fact that you can square with your own conscience that you had done your duty.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

1. October 1942

Dear Jimmy:

Attached is my check for \$28.00 covering the
over time charges on Joe Fraser's call to England. Both
Mr. and Mrs. Fraser are very grateful to your office for
making it possible for them to talk to their daughter in
England. Of course, I happen to think you were alright
too.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John J. Borgen
John J. Borgen
Commander, USNR.

Mr. James Murphy
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

*Check sent to
mothered.*

1 J.R.M. Sep. 17

Thank you for
showing me Fraser's
letter, which I return
herewith

I also attach
copy of his letter to
me & my reply.

Very decent of him
to write me.

K. Magott

Frazer 8088
Bergen

September 17, 1942

Mr. J. E. Frazer
Williams-Owenland Motors, Inc.
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Mr. Frazer:

Thank you very much for your letter. Mildred and I are very glad indeed, if we have been able to help you and Mrs. Frazer in any way and thus, even indirectly, provide some bit of comfort to Mrs. Michael Stratt in her sad circumstances.

I have shown your letter to Mildred, (which is the only name by which we know her here), and she is very pleased. She did a skillful piece of work.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel H. Bryant
Special Assistant to
the Liaison Officer

cc: Mr. Kinzel
Mr. Murphy
Mildred (Chief Operator)

WILLYS-OVERLAND MOTORS, INC.

Toledo, Ohio

September 14, 1942

Mr. Kenneth Mygatt
C/o Colonel E. J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mygatt:

I cannot thank you enough for the help you gave me in getting the call through to my daughter, Mrs. Michael Skutt, in England, on Wednesday, September 10th, after her husband's death.

It meant so very much to both Mrs. Frazer and me to be able to talk to her and I want to thank you, and also to ask you to thank the telephone operator whose name is Mildred--I don't have her last name--for her kind services and assistance in getting a good connection. I could hear perfectly and the call was a great comfort to us all.

Sincerely yours,

JEF:NY

J. W. FRAZER

WILLYS-OVERLAND MOTORS, INC.



TOLEDO, OHIO

September 14, 1942.

*Mr. W. J. Conover
please note
and return*

Col. Wm. J. Conover,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

I want to thank you so very much for what you did, through your office and your Mr. Kenneth Wyget, in enabling me to talk to my daughter in England on September 2nd, after her husband, Michael Strutt, was killed in an aeroplane crash.

Getting this call through meant so very much to both Lucile and me, and to our daughter in the time of her bereavement. Everyone in your office was so very splendid about caring for this for us.

I am hoping to have a chance to see you sometime when I am in Washington. I don't believe I have had an opportunity to chat with you since Lucile and I were living in Buffalo — nearly twenty years ago.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Joe Frayer
J. W. FRAYER.

JWF:KI

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

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FROM: Kenneth Mygatt
 TO: Mr. James S. Murphy
 SUBJECT: Joseph Fraser

DATE: September 2, 1942

KLM

This morning about 11:00 a.m. Joseph Fraser talked for four minutes to his daughter Mrs. Strutt at Arundel Castle, Sussex, England. The connection was very satisfactory. Fraser was in New York City and talked as a member of this organization.

The charge of approximately \$50 was put on Colonel Donovan's account. Our chief operator, Mildred, was, as usual, most cooperative and helpful and assisted in every way in the arranging of this telephone call.

Mr. Fraser seemed very much pleased and his wife was evidently also present in the Ritz Hotel, New York, from where he talked.

KM:bah

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1942

Dear Jimmy:

Mr. Joseph Fraser, President of the Willys-Overland Co., which is now engaged 100% in the manufacture of vital war material, is a personal friend of mine. His daughter, Mrs. Ariel Fraser Strutt is the widow of Michael Strutt, who lost his life the other day in the plane crash in which the Duke of Kent was killed. Mrs. Strutt is now with her sister-in-law, the Duchess of Norfolk at Arundel Castle in Sussex, England.

It is quite understandable why Mr. Fraser is frantic to talk with his little girl in these dark hours, entirely away from the important fact that Mr. Fraser is the sole support of his daughter and is quite eager to talk to her regarding arrangements concerning the burial of her husband and her return to this country, where her little daughter is now living. These arrangements will require the financial assistance of her father, Mr. Fraser. I would, therefore, very much appreciate it if you can expedite this call from Mr. Fraser to his daughter at the earliest possible moment. Kindly advise me just as soon as you have any information in this regard that I can pass along to Mr. Fraser.

Please accept my thanks for this and the many nice things you do for me.

Most sincerely,

Jack
John J. Bergen,
Commander, USNR.

Mr. James Murphy
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

October 23, 1942

Colonel William J. Demayon,
Office of Strategic Services,
25th and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter and the enclosure
from Mr. Edward T. Fogg about his application
for a commission with the Air Forces.

It so happens that our requirements for
commissioning individuals direct from civilian
life have been met, with the exception of cer-
tain highly trained technicians. Therefore, at
present we are considering no further applicants.

We had many complete and active files, like
Mr. Fogg's, in our office when we stopped commis-
sioning. These have all been forwarded to the
Adjutant General's Office for consideration by
other branches of the Army.

Sincerely yours,

Tim Lee

T. THOMAS DAVISON,
Colonel, U. S. A.,
Asst. Chief of Air Staff, A-1.

Incl.
144. 1/Mr. Fogg



x 30 November 1942

October 14, 1942

Honorable Trubee Davison
Assistant Secretary of War for Air
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Trubee:

This letter from Mr. Edward T. Fogo has come to me. It may have been one of those things lost in your warehouse. I do not know anything about the man, but I am sure if he has got something worthwhile the force would want to use him.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
STATE OF OHIO
COLUMBUS

TAX COMMISSIONER
WILLIAM S. EVATT

REPLY TO
DIVISION OF SALES AND EXCISE TAXES
80 E. GAY STREET

September 14, 1942

Col. William J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services,
25th and E Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel:

You will, no doubt, remember the writer as one of the Knex party in the extensive tour of 1936.

While realizing that you are an extremely busy man these days, it was my thought in trying to contact you personally at your office on Friday, September 4th, that a few minutes of your time would be beneficial in my continued effort to again serve with the armed forces of our country. It was the suggestion of your Secretary that, if possible, the matter be placed in writing which I wished to discuss with you.

Starting in January, after the invitation of the War Department for all former commissioner officers to apply for re-commissioning, my record is four (4) acknowledgements of an many applications filed. My first application was filed direct with the Adjutant General; the second with a Special Assistant Adjutant General, sent to this Corp Area to recruit men previously holding commissions; the third with the Army Specialist Corps, and the fourth with the local civilian committee recruiting applicants for commissions in ground work with the Army Air Corps. Each of the applications filed by me show under Limitations of Service: None, and has added-Preference 1, Australia & Ireland.

My application in the Air Corps came to life in July, when a request was received to appear for an interview on July 5th. The interviewing officer, Capt. Beattie, commented on my background for at least two of the classifications listed. He further expressed himself "when we see an application from a man of your age, with previous military experience, we know it is a case of your feeling that you ought to be back in there pitching, that you are not running away from anything and we feel very kindly toward it". He also commented on my military record. He gave me an order for my physical examination, which was taken July 5th, and, from all the information it was possible to gather that day, such examination was passed. One of the medical officers commented on my physical condition to the effect that he wished the "young bucks" coming through there were in half as good physical condition as I was.

A letter dated August 7th was received from William J. Powers, Major Army Air Forces, Chief, Appr. Section, A-1, Air Staff, advising that my application was complete and had been placed in the active files. It advised that while no

William J. Donovan,
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assurance can be given if or when a commission might be granted, only those applications in the active file were considered in making appointments. The next letter was dated August 22nd, which advised that my application had been given careful consideration, that a great many more applications had been received than could be acted upon favorably, that my experience and training fitted me for duties in which virtually all vacancies had been filled; hence the Army Air Forces is unable to accept your offer of services.

About the same time this latter letter was received, the press carried the report of the War Department to Congress on the commissions issued to men without previous military experience. This report showed that in two months, June and July, there were 18,897 such men commissioned, and while about one-half of this number were of the medical profession, the remainder were mostly for administrative positions in the Air Corps where previous military experience was not required.

All of the foregoing does not make sense to me, Colonel, and it is my feeling that it does not to you or any other fighting man. It is true that my age is 30 - reached after my first application was filed. When, however, it was possible for me to pass the prescribed physical examination, it will be my guarantee to compete with men ten years younger who are being assigned to types of duties it would be possible for me to perform. Every day there comes to my attention, either through personal acquaintance or through the press, names known to me, of men still being commissioned in the Air Corps who have not had anything like the experience that has been mine in the way of qualifying as an officer.

Having imposed upon the generosity of your time in reading this lengthy epistle, might it be possible for you to lend any encouragement or offer any advice that would be beneficial in my sincere effort to again serve my Country in uniform?

With every good wish for your health and the success of your part in the present terrific conflict, I am

Yours very truly,

Edward T. Fogo
Edward T. Fogo

1523 Washington Place
Columbus, Ohio

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September 29, 1942

Mrs. Solidelle R. Fortier
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Fortier:

Thank you for your note of September 28 with enclosures from Louis. I am very glad to have them and I appreciate your sending them to me. I hope Louis is getting on well.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 23, 1942

Col. William J. Donovan
Director of Strategic Services
Administrative Building, Rm. 125

Dear Colonel:

Enclosed find copies of two letters recently received by Louis, which he forwarded to me. I thought these might be of interest to you to read in your leisure (v) moments.

I have sent copies of them to the Geographic Sections dealing with the countries to which the letters refer.

File

Sincerely,

Solidelle R. Fortier

Solidelle R. Fortier

SOCONY-VACUUM OIL COMPANY
Incorporated

Standard Oil of New York Division
296 Binney Street
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

September 23, 1942.

Dear Louis,

I have just received some news of Yugoslavia and naturally my thoughts turn to the old friends of Belgrade who might be interested. You of course remember Nikola, the chauffeur. He got word but that he is alright, still working for the company in the mornings but now in the capacity of clerk as they no longer have an automobile. In the afternoons he works for the Swiss Consul (you remember him).

A letter from a Croat still over there says the Croats are sick of their bargain and that there is actual hunger in Zagreb. It seems the peasants hide their stuff and bring nothing into the city. George Schellens had a letter from Rene Peix which confirms that the same condition exists in Belgrade. There, he says, food can only be obtained on the black market and at exorbitant prices: flour 80 dinars a kilo, butter 450 d., potatoes 25 d., grease 500 d., wine 100 d. per bottle etc.

Rene stayed in Belgrade until the end of June this year, when he left for France and his letter to George was sent from Marseille at the end of July. George was good enough to send it to me to read and would undoubtedly have sent it to you too if he knew where you were. Possibly he has sent it. The rest of the letter simply repeated that the conditions were bad and expressed the hope that we would soon relieve them.

One significant thing he did say though was that "Mor Mines had started producing again, just one year after the destruction. Your old friends would be interested in that information if they haven't it already.

Peg is about the same, She joins in sending all the best to you, and Soladai if she is with you.

*Louis, formerly manager of the
Standard Oil of New York Division*

*296 Binney Street
Cambridge, Mass.*

largest copper mine in Europe

Sincerely,

*This letter is signed
by Mr. J. J. Schellens, formerly
Standard Oil representative in Belgrade
and now in Zagreb, Croatia.*

Translation of letter received on the
7th of September by General L. J. Fortier,
Fort Custer, Michigan, from Major Pagis,
Fighting French, former classmate at
Ecole de Guerre, Paris, 1937 - 1939.

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Carlton Gardens
August 15, 1942

My dear Colonel,

No doubt you have long since received the note which I had sent you through Colonel Adams, and since I had promised to write to you immediately upon my arrival in London, you must be wondering what has become of me. As it happens, I arrived in London only last week after, fortunately, an uneventful trip. I left Cairo on the 23rd of June by air for Lagos, and from Lagos I traveled by ship. The trip was not shortened by the ten days' stay I had both in Lagos and Freetown.

When I arrived in Cairo at the end of May, I learned that I would not be able to leave until the 20th of June. In order to occupy my leisure and particularly since I knew the fighting had started on the 27th of May I asked for permission to join the Fighting French in Libya. I received the authorization on condition that I be back in Cairo on the morning of June the 18th. Thus I was able to spend two rather interesting weeks; not as interesting however, as I should have liked. I had thought that General de Larminat would assign me to a battalion of our First Brigade, but communications with Sir Makeim having been broken off, and the Second Brigade having then no DCA (anti-aircraft) specialist, I was attached to the Second Brigade as Commander of the DCA; and the Second Brigade played only a very minor role in the events which took place. You know now the unhappy result of these operations.

However, it was possible to make some very interesting deductions:

1. The incontestable superiority of the RAF in number and quality of materiel and pilots.
2. The great value of the French 75 as an anti-tank gun.
3. The superiority of the U.S. Grant over the German tanks.
4. The lack of liaison by the different armed services on the British side in strong contrast to the perfect cooperation on the German side of tanks, artillery, and aviation; a cooperation which enabled them to acquire a victory though they were superior neither in quality nor in number.

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I regret that in a personal letter I cannot give you in detail my observations, however I shall be happy to furnish you upon request detailed deductions on any phase in which you might be interested.

Here, in London, I am the director of the 3me Bureau of General de Gaulle's own General Staff, and I am extremely fortunate in having as collaborator, Captain F. U. Miksche, former officer of the Czechoslovakian Army, one of the most brilliant Staff Officers of this War and the author of the best book on the methods of modern warfare that has been written. The book has been published in the United States under the title of "Attack". If you have not already read it by all means do so; I have not yet read anything as strong and complete since the beginning of the war -- I recommend it most highly.

Very sincerely yours,

F. Magis

Major Magis (Colonial Troops)
Special General Staff, General De Gaulle
Carlton Gardens

Fight For Freedom, Inc.

1270 Sixth Avenue

New York, N. Y.

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December 2, 1941

Col. William J. Donovan
Apex Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Col. Donovan:

We know that you are interested in the world-wide fight for freedom. That is the reason we wonder if you are aware that your name is being used on the letter-head of an organization known as "For Finland, Inc."

All of us, of course, are tremendously sympathetic with the embattled little democracy of Finland. As Americans we showed our feeling for that nation in the winter of 1939 and early 1940 by the hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of relief and supplies we sent to the Finnish people after they were so brutally attacked by the Russians. For Finland, Inc., was, we believe, one of the organizations started at that time.

Today, however, as our President, our Secretary of State, of War, and one of the members of our General Staff have pointed out, Finland is the active ally of Adolf Hitler and his Nazis. Representatives of the Finnish government last week in Berlin signed the "phony" anti-Comintern pact, along with the other satellites of the Third Reich.

This is a time for hard-headed realism. Fight For Freedom supports the recommendation of our Government that the Finnish-Russian war be brought to an end. Continuation of that battle will not aid the people of Finland but only the Nazis.

We are enclosing the material sent out by Y. A. Felchinsky, executive secretary of For Finland, Inc., for your perusal. We would be interested in knowing your reaction as one who believes that the only hope for liberty anywhere is the defeat of Nazism everywhere.

Sincerely yours,

Ulric Bell
Ulric Bell, Chairman
Executive Committee


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FOR FINLAND, INC.
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Washington, D. C.

Honorary President
The Honorable Mrs. J. Borden Harriman
Honorary Sponsor
The Honorable Hjalmar J. Procope
Minister of Finland

November 27, 1941.

Dr. William M. Agar
Department of Geology
Columbia University
New York, New York.

Dear Dr. Agar:

We have learned from a press release sent out by the Fight for Freedom organization that your name was signed to a cablegram addressed recently to the President of Finland. As this cablegram contains several erroneous statements and implications, we thought you might be interested to read a letter which we addressed November fifth to Vaino Tanner, Finnish Minister of Commerce and principal government spokesman, and his reply, which are contained on the inside pages of the enclosed folder. This correspondence accurately reveals Finland's position and should be of interest, we think to every "true friend of the people of Finland."

Finland, having been repeatedly attacked from East Karelia, proposes to occupy that territory as security against further Russian aggression. Quite properly she feels that no other power can guarantee that security. As frequent public statements of her leaders testify, she is more in sympathy with nor committed to Nazi ideology than Great Britain and the United States are in sympathy with or committed to Russian communism.

The statement is made in the cablegram that Germany effectively blockaded Finland and prevented food shipments to that country. That assertion is not pertinent to the present Finnish-Russian conflict, but examination of the records will show that Germany operated no blockade whatsoever against Finland, although the British government, because it did not have certain facts available, did for a period of months in 1940 allow no more than a mere trickle of available supplies to reach Finland.

Finland has already announced her intention to stop fighting in this war as soon as certain pre-determined objectives are reached. These are, naturally, military secrets, but obviously are the limits of East Karelia. Finland is not participating in the European war and attempts to make it appear that she is, do a real injustice to this little democracy which has fought so valiantly for her own independence.

Sincerely yours,
(signed) Y. A. Polakowski
Executive Secretary

FOR P.M. RELEASE

President Risto Ryti of Finland was told today that American friends of Finland "see only the most tragic future for the people of your country if your government continues to cooperate in Nazi attempts to dominate the world by force."

Fight For Freedom, through its chairman, the Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, made public a list of twenty prominent citizens including an ex-ambassador, a college president, a labor leader, a journalist, an attorney, a financier, and religious leaders who cabled President Ryti to this effect Thursday morning.

They reminded him that American sympathy for Finland was never motivated by selfish purposes. They asked if the same could be said about Nazi "help".

"Our record clearly shows that we have consistently supported Finland's efforts to maintain its democratic and free existence. We believe, therefore, that we have the right to impress upon Your Excellency the deep feeling which, we believe, is shared by the majority of the people of our country, and of the other countries which have in the past been sincere friends of Finland and are now suffering untold degradation under the heel of the Nazi invaders.

"The action of the Government of Finland in now continuing the war against the Soviet Union will bring about not only the death of untold thousands of additional Finnish men to the benefit of Nazism but also a situation contrary to the best interests of the United States and its security."

The signers also recalled to President Ryti that Germany gave the Soviet Union "a free hand" during the War of 1939.

"Do the people of Finland have more to eat now that your Government has decided to depend upon the Nazis as providers? Are you confident, Your Excellency, that the Nazis will clothe and furnish food for your people after Finland is so decimated by the war that it is no longer of use to the Nazi war machine?"

Those signing the cable included:

Mr. James W. Gerard, ex-ambassador to Germany, 1913-17
Harrison Tweed, attorney
Mr. Harold Morris, president of the New York City Council
Dr. Henry Elihu Coffin, president, Union Theological Seminary

Robert Gordon Sproul, president, University of California
 Dean Frederick W. Beckman, American Cathedral of Paris
 Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, Union Theological Seminary
 Robert Erskine Ely, president emeritus, Town Hall
 Bruno Rantane, Finnish-American labor leader, Textile
 Workers Union regional director

Miss Dorothy Thompson, columnist
 Michael Straight, chairman, Washington Fight For Freedom
 Dr. William M. Agar, visiting lecturer in Geology,
 Columbia University

Frank Grillo, secretary-treasurer, United Rubber Workers
 (CIO)

Harpis Childs, journalist, author "Sweden, the Middle Way"
 Chester La Roche, financier
 Mrs. Cyrus McCormick, Washington
 George Gordon Battle, attorney
 Paul G. Pennoyer, financier
 Urie Bell, Washington correspondent
 Hendrik Willem van Loon, author

The full text of the cable to President Ryti is attached:

NEW YORK

MURRAY HILL 2-4018

Associated with
American League for Finnish War Orphans
Washington D C

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
THE HONORABLE MIJIMAR L. PRYKOFF
MINISTER OF FINLAND

HONORARY SPONSOR
THE HONORABLE MIJIMAR L. PRYKOFF
MINISTER OF FINLAND

December 23, 1941

Colonel Am. J. Donovan
The Am Bull. Inc.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

For your information enclosed herewith is a copy of the letter, dated December 15, 1941, to Secretary of State Cornell Hull, which is self-explanatory, and which sets forth the reasons why in the judgment of your Executive Committee charged with administration of your organization, it was considered desirable to terminate our organization's existence.

In behalf of the Executive Committee may I also take this occasion to extend its, - to which I would like to add my own, - thanks and gratitude to you for the work you have done. We feel our combined efforts, in behalf of the people of Finland, have by no means been in vain. Many thousands have been relieved in their distress, and we believe the cause of Finland and its people, involved in the world struggle through no fault of their own, in seeking only security and peace, has been presented to the people of our own country more clearly than it would otherwise have been done, through the efforts of our organization. The hope remains that our own great country, by its friendly intermeditation, may yet be able to save this small nation democracy from extinction.

If and when the situation changes so that relief may be possible to recreate an organization to help in this work, in which case we shall take the liberty of asking you to enlist your aid in this cause.

Again thanking you for all you have done,

Cordially,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOR FINLAND, INC.

By Preston Davis
Preston Davis
President

December 15, 1941

The Honorable Cordell Hull
Secretary of State
Of the United States of America

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is to confirm the following telegram sent you yesterday:

"Sir, we beg to advise you that as of noon today all activities of our organization will cease. For Finland itself will immediately thereafter be disbanded. (Signed: The Executive Committee, For Finland, Inc., 322 Fifth Avenue."

Our organization "For Finland, Inc." was incorporated under the Law of the State of New York on April 17, 1940, for the purpose of fostering cultural relations and friendship between the people of the United States and the people of Finland. Its affairs were administered by its Executive Committee, all of whom are citizens of the United States and whose names appear on this letterhead.

After Finland was invaded in 1939 by the forces of the Soviet Union, then in alliance with the Hitler government of Germany, the main efforts of our organization were directed to relieving the resulting distress of the people of Finland by sending medical and other relief supplies to that country cooperating in this effort with the American Red Cross. These efforts continued so long as the government of Great Britain consented to passing these supplies through its blockade, but when Great Britain removed the blockade this year our organization discontinued all such relief efforts.

120 Honorable Cordell Hull
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December 15, 1941

While we entertain deep sympathy for the people of Finland believing that small democracy to be a tragic victim of the world struggle now taking place, the facts exist that Finland is a co-belligerent with Germany against the Soviet Union.

Under such circumstances there appeared but one course open to us as citizens of the United States, namely, to cease all relief and other efforts in behalf of the people and government of Finland, and to terminate the existence of our organization.

This we have done.

Although our organization does not appear to come within the definition of those described in your Statement of Policy published in the public press of December 11, 1941, concerning the plans and activities of which your Statement indicates you would be glad to be informed, we are nevertheless sending you this information on the chance you may wish to have it.

We have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOR FINLAND, INC.

By Preston Davis
President

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

DEC 22 1942

Colonel William J. Donovan,
Director of Strategic Services,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

Since my conversation with you, I have learned that a few weeks ago General MacArthur stated that in view of his relations with the Australian Government, he considered it inadvisable to have psychological warfare personnel assigned to his theater. I am therefore of the opinion that for the present Brigadier General Bonner F. Fellers should not be assigned as requested in your letter of December 18th.

Should you desire to pursue this matter further, I suggest that a psychological warfare plan be prepared, applicable to conditions in the Southwest Pacific Area. Such a plan would be helpful to me as a basis for further discussions with General MacArthur.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph P. Kennedy
Joseph P. Kennedy
Chief of Staff.



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December 18, 1942

Lt. General Joseph T. McNarney,
The Deputy Chief of Staff,
Room 3J17,
Munitions Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear General McNarney:

Confirming our conversation of today, I request
that Brigadier General Bonner F. Fellers be designated to
represent OSS in the Southwest Pacific Area. The experience
of General Fellers would seem to qualify him for this
service.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan
Director

28 September 1943

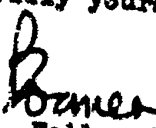
Brig. General William J. Donovan
Director, Strategic Services
Office of Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

I had hoped to see you before taking off for the Southwest Pacific. This note is to express appreciation for the most interesting and instructive assignment with you and to wish you complete success. I know you derive tremendous satisfaction from having dreamed a dream and then actually to have supervised its realization. You created an essential element in our national defense structure. I know Strategic Services will make a constructive contribution to the war effort and by all means it must have a place in our post-war era.

Please consider me your personal representative in the Southwest Pacific Theater. If there is any service I can perform for you please be free to call upon me. It has been a pleasure to serve with you and I hope we shall be together again soon.

Respectfully yours,


Bonner F. Fellers
Brig. General, U.S.A.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1

A.P.O. 500,
12 May 1944.

Dear General Donovan:

You were indeed thoughtful to write such a good letter from the forward area. It was a deep disappointment to me that I was not with you for the Hollandia show. Your visit here was much too short and it made me homesick for the good C.S.S. days.

Your letter requesting a certain analysis and my request for you to be placed on the mailing list went the way of all flesh.

Hollandia was indeed decisive. It broke the Jap's back. They are rushing about in the jungle like ants after their ant-hill has been disturbed. But there is no place for them to go. Of the 60,000 bypassed, some were laborers and many were ill. The Jap is not a good builder; one of our bulldozers does the work of a thousand laborers. Our problem now is to acquire momentum so that the enemy cannot recover from one blow before we launch another.

It was wonderful to visit with you and Dave. Wish you could have stayed longer. Again, I miss you and others in Strategic Services. It's a long war.

Respectfully,

*Bonner**You Bonner Folks*

Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan,
Director, Strategic Services,
25th and K Street, NW,
Washington, D. C.

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